

# Medical Laboratory Technologist



## What does a Medical Laboratory technologist do?

- Medical Laboratory Technologists (commonly known as Medical Laboratory Scientists) examine and analyze body fluids, tissues, and other substances. They prepare specimens for examination, and analyze cells, abnormal cells, bacteria, parasites, and other microorganisms. They also analyze chemical content of fluids; match blood for transfusion and test blood to show how a patient is responding to treatment.

## What kind of education would I need?

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Bachelor's Degree in Medical Laboratory Science, Medical Technology, life sciences or other related programs

## Where would I work?

- Blood Banks
- General medical and surgical hospitals
- Health clinics
- Other ambulatory health care services
- Medical and diagnostic laboratories

## Job Outlook?

Employment of Medical Laboratory Technologists is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations. The growth is due to an increase in the aging population and advances in medicine.

## Site:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Healthcare/Medical-and-clinical-laboratory-technologists-and-technicians.htm>

and

<http://www.alliedhealthworld.com/south-dakota-medical-technologist-salary.html>

## Salary?

Medical Laboratory Technologists earn an average of \$57,000 per year!

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